private sector units;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is a fact that public sector companies were favoured for the pretty benefits extracted by the bureaucrats;

(g) whether it is a fact that one of the public sector companies paid for arranging the fencing of the boundary of the house of former Development Commissioner (PI) presently working in his Ministry; and

(h) what is the name of the company and how much amount was paid?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Reimbursements have been made to public sector undertakings IDPL and HAL from the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account during 1987-88 and 1988-89 in respect of 6 APA and certain other drugs.

(c) to (h) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Increasing the price of newsprint

@1952. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the newsprint price has been increased at the rate of Rs. 800/- per ton recently by Government causing burden on the newspaper industry;

(b) whether Government have received any representation for lowering the newsprint cost; and

(c) if so, what action Government has taken to reduce the price of newsprint?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Some newsprint mills are reported to have recently increased the price of newsprint. The increase in price ranges between about Rs. 775 to Rs. 915 per MT in respect of Mysore Paper Mills (MPM) and about Rs. 770 to Rs. 970 in respect of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL), depending upon the size and grammage etc. of newsprint. Government exercise no control over the price of newsprint, which is governed by input costs and market conditions.

Opening of Nursing College in Kerala

1953. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are considering any proposal to start a nursing college/institute/university in Kerala; and;

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Government has no such proposal at present.

(b) Question does not arise.

Proposals for new industries in Kerala

1954. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any major private or public sector unit has applied for licences to start industry in Kerala after January, 1990;

(b) whether the Central Government have received any new proposal from the Kerala Government under their new industrial policy; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Since February, 1990, under the already existing industrial policy, 15 Industrial Licence Applications, including 4 from

@Previously Unstarred Question 1577 transferred from the 23rd May 1990.